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'Army Chris' gets call to active duty



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U-RAH-RAH-RAH—From left, Meridith Morgan '03, senior Chris Laughlin, junior Brett Monnard, senior Elizabeth Burns and junior Josh Lee singing the Wartburg loyalty song at Laughlin's farewell party in Knights Village Lounge Friday.

By TARA LEWIN
Assistant Features Editor

Senior Christopher "Army Chris" Laughlin thought he would be finishing his Wartburg degree in spring 2005, but instead he will trade his graduation robe for an army uniform.

Laughlin's unit, the 445th Transportation Co. stationed out of Waterloo, was mobilized Saturday for the third time since January 2003. Now he will spend days and some weekends with his unit but still be on campus during evenings and some weekends until Dec. 8. From there he

will train at Fort Riley, Kan., for up to nine months and has yet to find out where he is stationed after that. His maximum deployment is 18 months.

Pfc. Laughlin began preparing for war in 2002 when he enlisted in the Army Reserves before he graduated high school. He completed basic training just four days before classes began for the school year in fall 2002 at Wartburg.

Laughlin was originally accepted to West Point but not admitted because he lacked the necessary Congressional nomination.

During this time, he felt he had ruined what God had provided for him. After basic training, he decided he couldn't go through another four years of such training

and then came to the conclusion that West Point just wasn't right for him.

This decision led him to Wartburg, and he felt at home here. In summer 2004, Laughlin completed his Advanced Individual Training, and this reaffirmed his belief that this is where God wanted him to be.

Laughlin knew activation was possible.

"I honestly had hoped I had avoided it or that I would at least be out of seminary by the time I was mobilized," Laughlin said.

Although he feels a little scared, he was not brought up to fear death. He sees great opportunity in the situation God has provided for him to "be able to spread God's word" in a place he would not normally have been able to.

Laughlin said he will miss his Wartburg family most of all.

"I'm annoyed at the timing of my activation, and I'm annoyed at the uncertainty of when I'll graduate," Laughlin said. "But the most heart-wrenching part of it all is leaving this place I call home and these people I consider my family."

In September 1990, Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice-president for enrollment management, created the military-leave policy. Activated students have two years to finish coursework considered incomplete when they left, in comparison to enrolled students who only have four weeks to complete coursework for credit in the course.

Wartburg's policy states "all administrative offices and academic departments will do their utmost in accommodating those students called to military duty while enrolled in classes."

A mobilized student has a consultation with his or her instructors, adviser, registrar and dean of students. The student may choose to withdraw from some or all of his or her classes, seek an incomplete or choose the grade he or she is currently receiving with instructor approval.

Laughlin will have incompletes on his record because he was activated before the end of fall semester, but his professors are cooperating with his schedule, which allows him to complete course work and tests via e-mail.

"As students go through this process, I make a final review of the enrollment decisions at which we have arrived together with the student," Waldstein said.

She also makes sure the student receives all necessary information before he or she leaves. All appropriate people and offices are then kept up-to-date on the situation.

Each case is given individual attention in order to make the transition for the student as smooth as possible.

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Forum explains housing

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Student Senate's housing committee, along with officials from residential life, hosted an open forum Nov. 10 and 11 for students to voice ideas and questions about the housing process.

Participants sat at tables in small groups while Pete Armstrong, director of residential life, then explained how the campus housing process works. Students wrote suggestions and questions on large pieces of poster paper.

At the end of the night, each small group mentioned what their table had discussed most. Some suggestions voiced included a mixer to help students find roommates, more in-depth first-

year compatibility questionnaires, more residence assistant compensation, swipe cards for the laundry room and more accountability for people living in proposal-based housing. The committee plans to use the poster papers collected to formulate suggestions for residential life. Comments from green survey sheets circulating around campus during the week with students' thoughts on the housing process also will be presented.

The housing committee was formed in response to students' concern and confusion about the housing process.

"We are the new communication between students and residential life," said sophomore Amanda Pullin, housing subcommittee chairperson.

Suggestions the committee formulates will be passed on to the residential life office. No guarantee exists that certain suggestions will be used, but residential life is willing and waiting to receive them.

"Amanda will be giving us notes from the meetings. With that information we will try to see what we can do to modify or simplify the room sign-up process," Armstrong said. "It is also possible that Student Senate may draft some resolutions for our office to consider."

One thing the committee plans to do is host an informational meeting for freshmen to fully explain the housing process, including the lottery system and proposal-based housing. No date has been set.

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Broken sink handle soaks 8 rooms in Clinton Hall

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Eight rooms on the second floor of Clinton Hall were damaged Nov. 8 after the handle on a maintenance sink broke.

Eric Keller, residence hall director for Clinton Hall, said the damage was nowhere near the damage in Founders Hall after sprinklers went off Oct. 17.

John Wuertz, physical plant director, said carpet in six or seven rooms was damaged, but the water was vacuumed up. Harris Cleaning of Waterloo also was called in to use more powerful vacuums to clean the carpet.

"Our carpet got all soaked," said freshman Ramiro Sanchez. "There was almost two inches of water in our room. Some clothes got wet, but they (college officials) gave us some money to wash them. My roommate's com-

puter is possibly damaged. When I got it off the ground, water was gushing out of it."

Sophomore James McDowell also had some damage.

"There's mildew all over our carpet," he said. "It was probably an inch or two high before we put the towels under the door to stop it. It's not really ruined, but you can see mildew all over it."

According to Wuertz, someone noticed water running down the hall and contacted the physical plant by radio. Sanchez said someone on his floor called maintenance.

The water ran for about 10 or 15 minutes before help arrived. The main water valve in that portion of the building was shut off for about two hours to be fixed.

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Bush's legacy of divisiveness

By ALEK WIPPERMAN
Guest Columnist

The importance of the recent election is clear to everyone, both Red Staters and Blue Staters. In the election, Americans were given a clear choice to determine the course of America's foreign, domestic and fiscal policy and even the way Americans relate to one another. A small but present majority, for whatever reason, chose George W. Bush.



The last four years of an illegitimate presidency by Bush have left us in an unnecessary quagmire in Iraq and given us an ineffective war against terrorism. They have left us a butchered economy skewed toward the wealthy and bankrupt schools that create mediocre test scores from unfed minds. They have left us a recklessly managed budget with deficits so high there is no adjective strong enough to describe them. Now he has a legitimate one: what will he do now?

These outcomes of the first half of the Bush presidency are dire consequences of an administration informed by radicals, corporatism and extreme religionism. These outcomes, despite their many caus-

es and far reaching meanings, will not be the Bush legacy, regardless of what happens in the next four years. Bush's legacy will be drawn from one of the themes of his 2000 campaign. In those days, Bush emphasized strongly that as a compassionate conservative (he is neither) he would be "a uniter, not a divider." George Bush has managed, in spite of the biggest rally event in American history, to separate America into well-defined camps, separated by a vast chasm of powerful emotion.

While the most memorable event during his first term of the Bush Era was the attack on Sept. 11, Bush has failed to convert it into a legacy of unified action. He had greater opportunity than a more generous God would have allowed, but he transformed America's unity into a reckless course of action that turns Americans against each other.

Bush's failure as a unifier reaches farther and deeper than any other event or action in the past four years, creating an environment where vitriol is the normal state, Teflon describes a way of thinking (instead of kitchenware) and civility is as rare as a political moderate.

Bush's foreign policy is perhaps the greatest cause of this. After 9/11, instead of "rooting out the terrorists" as promised, Bush launched an attack on a sovereign nation that posed no real threat to the United States. His inexplicable

pursuit of an atavistic policy that recalls colonialism has burdened America for years to come. His "with us or against us" attitude places half of America in the position of opposing not only their government, but their neighbors as well. Bush's evidently unassailable position in foreign policy has exacerbated problems created by his policies in other areas as well.

The historic tax cuts achieved by the Bush administration further distanced America's rich and poor. A "middle class" that includes both machinists and high-powered lawyers covers up the unspoken truth about the inequalities drawn into America's financial institutions. A No Child Left Behind Act that punishes district poverty and extends class differences in education afflicts those "fortunate" enough to teach in this economy. Initiatives for "clear skies" and "healthy forests" are backhanded attempts to silence environmental voices while demolishing our natural domain.

Withdrawal from numerous international ventures (ICC, Kyoto Protocol, ABM Treaty, etc.) has encouraged disdain for the United States abroad and infuriated internationalists here. Theft of individual liberty in the name of security under the USA Patriot Act sets civil libertarians and many founding fathers against the administration. What sort of legacy does this leave for America?

A legacy of divisiveness and bit-

terness is the only possible hallmark of the Bush presidency. A divisive Supreme Court placed a man elected on the support of divisive wedge voters in office through a divisive process. His divisive nominations further divided a nation distraught by the election. He has pursued divisive policies abroad, intensifying divisive problems at home. His solution to the divisiveness he sees is to invoke a black and white sense of good and evil, serving only to further divide the nation. In spite of the single most unifying national event since Pearl Harbor, he has created less unity than at any time since the Civil War.

Under Bush, America, the Land of Opportunity, could be better described as the Land of Us Vs. Them. In practically every issue, Bush has effectively sliced up the American people into the Right and the Wrong. His inability to conceive of any mixture of the two has turned the electorate into a macrocosm of Bush's own mind. As long as we are led by a man whose vision contains only a Right, a Wrong and irreconcilable differences between the two, we cannot resolve the chasm that exists between us as a nation. If politics cannot be a means for resolving these wretched national divisions - truly America's greatest problem - what use is it these next four years?

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Andrew Drysdale's column in last week's Trumpet. It was very poetic. He argued that we shouldn't give money to the Feed-the-World organizations because "if you wanted to save [a starving child] you should have done something a long time ago, so doing something now would simply be a waste of time."

These were rousing words to my young soul. Before this, I had always thought that it was my duty to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and all that rot. After hearing that "this generation is a lost cause ... [by paying for food], I'm just prolonging her suffering," something very important clicked in my head. That's right isn't it? What should be done when people are in need of help? Nothing! Ignore them!

Wait: that's not right. As true humanitarians, doing nothing is not enough. So if prolonging suffering is bad, what would be better? Ending suffering, right? We need to "change the lives of people that can actually benefit from it." Well, if these foreigners are suffering, then who can benefit from the deaths of the poor? Tourists!

Maybe I, with my newfound optimism, could head up a United Nations "Better Luck Next Generation" squad. We could take sharpened machetes and go into the miserable districts of Bombay, of Darfur, of Rio de Janeiro, killing all those unhappy people, ending the suffering. Then nice hotels could be constructed as historical monuments to the beautiful worldwide movement to end suffering. How lovely. What poetry!

As Andrew said, act now to save the next generation. That is, if they live that long.

David Kordahl '08

To the Editor:

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week was November 7-13. While taking a week to recognize our shelters is important, we need to remember that lending our support is a year-round activity.

There are many ways to help an animal shelter:

- Volunteer your time at a shelter, walking dogs or helping with a fundraiser.

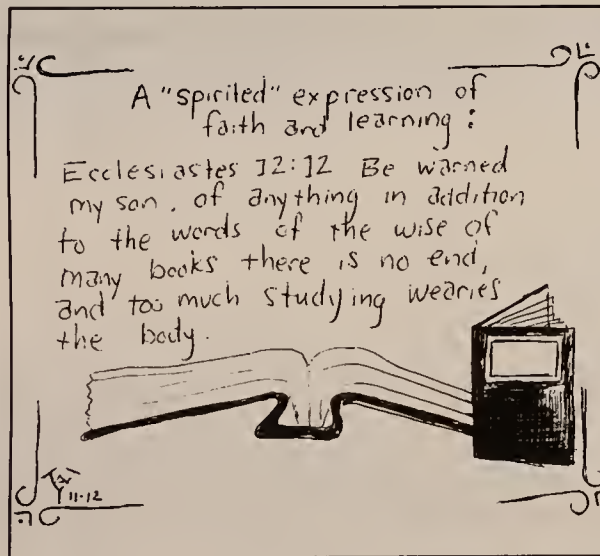
- Donate money or supplies. Many shelters have "wish lists" of useful items such as blankets, toys and cleaning supplies.

- Adopt your next friend from a shelter.

The MOST IMPORTANT action you can take to help your shelter is to practice responsible pet ownership. Have your pet spayed or neutered. According to the Humane Society of the United States, a single female cat and her offspring can (theoretically) produce 420,000 cats in seven years, and one dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 dogs in six years. In addition, do not get a pet you cannot care for and then take it to the shelter. Realize that bringing a pet into your family is a lifetime commitment. Seriously consider whether you are able to care for a pet for the next 10 to 15 years BEFORE you adopt.

Sharing your home with a pet is one of life's greatest joys. This Thanksgiving season, show your thankfulness for your pet by helping your local animal shelter. For more information on how you can help, visit the Humane Society Web site at HSUS.org.

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Editor's note: This is a section that allows readers to submit an anonymous opinion in two sentences or less. Send submissions for "Blow Your Horn" to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

- Congratulations to the cast and crew of "The Diviners." Saturday's performance was terrific!

- People who stand outside the dorms at 2 a.m. and talk really loudly should have a little respect for those trying to sleep.

- It would be nice if the heat in the Residence were constant, rather than cold when I go to sleep, colder in the middle of the night when I wake up shivering, and really hot in the morning.

- Thanks to all the soccer fans who attended Wednesday's home game and helped cheer the Knights on to victory.

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Separating moral values and state

By JUSTIN KADER
Columnist

The media have emphasized that one particular voting bracket was key to George W. Bush winning a second term. Most of the support that earned him 51 percent of the popular vote was not because of his economic policy, nor was it because of his policy on terrorism, education or taxes, and it definitely was not because of his management of the Iraq war. He was reelected based on "moral values."

Before I go any further, I would like to emphasize to my readership that even a person as critical of institutionalized reli-



gion as myself can be spiritual, and I am. I value the morality and inspiration that religion offers to make one's life holistically satisfied. However, I do not blindly allow faith to make my decisions for me. Likewise, there needs to be a balance of rationality when running a government; it is part of the job description as president.

However, rationality seems to be absent from Bush's agenda for the future of America. As a Christian, he is lucky that he is justified by grace through faith because his actions don't speak too well for him as his record stands.

As a Christian, how does he justify lying to the American public about the grounds on which he waged a war? As a Christian, how does he justify killing hundreds of American soldiers and hundreds of thousands of Iraqis in a preemptive war? Has he forgotten about Jesus' one and only commandment to love others, even one's enemy? Maybe in his religious

fervor, Bush should skim over Matthew 5:44 or John 13:34.

I am not trying to judge Bush's degree of authenticity as a Christian, but rather I am merely emphasizing the absurdity of voting for a leader based on the problematic notion of "moral values," specifically when that leader does not even espouse them in the first place. Clearly, not all Christians agree with Bush's morals; in fact, at least 49 percent of Americans, representing a wide variety of religions, do not agree with the morals Bush implements through his role as President.

Allowing select "moral values" to take precedence over the entire nation's security, education, foreign policy, taxes, jobs, the environment, etc. is a dangerous move, particularly when the nation's political divide continues to deepen. Let's take a trip down history lane and review the consequences of a divided population allowing the government to run the moral agen-

da of the nation.

The first ruler that comes to my mind is General Francisco Franco, who was a fascist dictator in Spain from 1939, after an incredibly bloody civil war, until his death in 1975. While there is not space in this column to discuss all of the negative aspects of his rule, I would like to note that Spanish culture, particularly since 1492, has had roots in Catholicism. However, after the brutality of Franco's regime, which was justified by Catholic morals, an overwhelming number of younger generation Spaniards are agnostic/atheist today. This drastic reaction is no coincidence.

Let's keep this in mind as we experience Bush's "moral values" these next four years. When you need moral guidance, talk to a spiritual leader, friend or family member; don't let a politician tarnish your faith and your country.

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Republicans, reality and religion

By RUSS GOEREND
Columnist

All right, column time. I've got this hat full of column ideas ... let's see what the hat's got in store for us this week. First pick: Republicans. Uh-oh, this could get interesting.

Topic number two: reality. Well that doesn't seem to fit. I didn't even know that one was in there. Let's go for one more, three is a good number: religion? What does that have to do with the first two? Come on hat, I thought you were going to let me off easy. I'll give it my best.

I had a Republican e-mail me to tell me that the solution to the employment problem is education. Okay, to be more accurate, my Republican friend first asserted that there is no employment problem, so I guess his solution would be to the hypothetical problem. (You know Republicans: too many solutions, not enough problems.) The real problems of unemployment and the outsourcing of American jobs could both be circumvented, he said, not by putting an end to tax cuts, but rather by educating more Americans.



What he failed to mention, and I have failed to mention up to this point, and the media failed to cover, is that John Kerry was the only candidate to heed these cries of a poorly educated America. Under John Kerry's agenda, a student who worked a predetermined number of community service hours would receive a \$4,000 tax credit. (Cue the conservatives!) But how can America afford to spend that kind of money? I'll tell you how. By rolling back President Bush's tax cuts. So check this, instead of the check you may or may not have gotten from the government last year totaling somewhere around \$1,038, you could work a few hours a week for the city and get \$4,000 toward school. Too late.

At least with Bush in office we'll put an end to all those abortions, right? I mean, when he puts in place his Supreme Court, they'll reverse Roe v. Wade and that will be the end of abortion. Dream on. It is undeniable that even if abortions are illegal, they will still be performed. However, instead of trained doctors performing them, it will be untrained, un-wed teenage mothers. (Dark Alley Doctors call that the "clothes hanger technique.")

This is where reality sets in. Republicans, the self-proclaimed moral majority, are also the self-proclaimed Pro-Life party. Well, come on, what party isn't Pro-Life? You'd have to defend the death penalty not to be in support of human life ... since that joke didn't seem to go over very well, I am now going to explain it.

The idea that Republicans claim to be pro-life for one issue and pro-death for the very next is perplexing to many people. If labels were to be accurate, when referring to the abortion debate, republicans would be forced to refer to themselves as anti-choice. The Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade gave women a choice, and a stance against that decision would be a stance against choice. And when you're also claiming to be the party of my Christian, "free-will" God, anti-choice doesn't sound so good. When in a capitalistic society, do as capitalists do: take the best of both worlds.

So why does this President deny any other strategy to reducing abortions apart from taking away that choice? Why does he cut spending on programs that help pregnant teens deal with their unexpectedly round bellies, like Planned Parenthood? Why don't we focus on adoption? Why doesn't he use some of that "political capital" he earned by winning the election on a nationwide ad campaign telling pregnant teens about all the safe-houses and fire station drop-offs they can use after they see their babies through to delivery? I don't know the answers. You voted for him.

You see, I am a God-fearing, church going Christian just like the republican-right. But I will not push away non-believers. I will not spend my time telling others how not to act; I will spend it showing them how to act - a lot like what happens when you turn the page from

Malachi 4 to Matthew 1.

The teachers of religious law tried many times to trap Jesus into condemning the sinner. The Gospel of John 8 tells of the teachers bringing a woman caught in the act of adultery to Jesus. They wanted to see if Jesus would go against Moses's teaching of the law that commanded adulterers be put to death. Jesus tells them, "All right, stone her. But let those who have never sinned throw the first stones!" But that's not the best part. Christ's love shows through the most when he tells her after every one of her accusers has left, "Go and sin no more."

Sin no more. The idea is to grow away from sin and toward the Lord. I believe Republicans have the right idea with things such as banning gay marriage (really I do, deep down.) Take away the opportunity, and there will be no sin. Right? Well, just like with abortion, wrong. They go about it in the wrong way. You cannot make decisions for them. God doesn't try to make decisions for people. We have free will and we are taught to conform our will to God's. You cannot push people away ... push, push, push. That is not how people come to know Christ. Why do you think Jesus came as the new covenant? Has anyone stopped to think that the old one needed updating?

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New Den results in new problems

By COREY HELLAND
Columnist

When I visited Wartburg College in the summer before my senior year of high school three years ago, I was promised a fabulous alternative to the cafeteria: the Den. Unfortunately, by the time I got onto campus, Wartburg was in the process of renovating the student center and the Den was no longer there. Instead, the Den



was located in the cafeteria and only after 7 p.m.

As an incoming freshman, I was disappointed to see such a lovely meeting place disappear, but still gave the Den my business. Last year the Den moved yet again and became The Walkway Café. Finally, last May Term the Den moved into its current facilities and everything is back to normal. Or is it? Strangely enough, even with the fancier area and cozier atmosphere, I miss the days when the Den was located in the cafeteria.

For that first term of my freshman year at Wartburg, the Den kept up its tradition of delivering pizzas even though it was not in its normal facilities. This new Den does not. Also, the old Den

prepared a pizza buffet every Sunday night, for Sunday night meals were not offered at that point in time. Although the cafeteria does provide a pizza meal every Sunday night, it pales in comparison to the extensive selection of the old Den.

The new Den does, though, allow a customer to call in and order ahead of time and then pick up the food 10 to 15 minutes later, but I wouldn't recommend it. Because the old Den workers were used to receiving orders for pizza deliveries, calling in an order was an easy and efficient process. Now it seems as if they have no idea how to take a phone order. Sometimes they ask for your name and ID number, and sometimes they don't.

Sometimes they tell you when your food will be ready, sometimes they ask when you'll pick it up, and sometimes they just hang up and tell you nothing. And on a rare occasion they'll tell you what the total is, but that's only happened to me once.

Also, if you call in your order, be sure to check and make sure you got exactly what you requested. Personally, I've had the most difficulty with the grilled ham and cheese sandwich, which cannot be that hard to make. On three separate occasions when ordering a grilled ham and cheese sandwich, I've received a grilled ham sandwich, a grilled cheese sandwich, and a grilled ham and cheese sandwich that was grilled on the hamburg-

er grill, which means the bread had alternating burned and non-toasted areas. It's not only the grilled cheese, though. Just the other day I ordered a chicken fillet and was given a pork fritter instead. Ironically, when the old Den was in the cafeteria and had poor working conditions, I never experienced such blatant mistakes.

Even with these problems with the Den, I continue to eat there because I am grasping onto that ever-fleeting hope that it will get better. Because after eating a grilled ham sandwich, I can't believe it could get any worse.

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Wartburg to hire new positions for next school year

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

Each year academic departments are asked to present requests for new faculty positions, and those requests for the 2005-2006 academic year are due today.

These requests will be presented to the faculty council, which reviews them and makes decisions about the creation of new faculty positions. An increase in enrollment this year makes these requests important to departments facing rapid growth in both the number of majors and class sizes.

"Faculty council looks at a wide variety of conditions or variables," said Dr. Ferol Menzel, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty.

These variables include the number of majors in the department and the needs in Wartburg's Plan of Essential Education. Faculty council then develops recommendations as to which departments are in need of additional faculty. These recommendations are given to the cabinet and the president for final approval.

"Our objective has been to lower the average class size, lower or maintain the faculty/student ratio and maintain the quality of our adjunct and tenure-track professors," President Jack R. Ohle said.

Menzel said the college wants to try to keep the faculty-to-student ratio between 12-to-1 and 14-to-1. Menzel's office does an analysis to determine the overall ratio and the ratio in each department. The official class size for this year has not yet been determined, but she estimated it is about 21 or 22 students.

Menzel said the college also looks at the percentage of classes taught by adjunct professors and has a goal to keep this percentage below 14 percent.

"We are below 14 percent overall, excluding music," Menzel said, "though there are two departments that are a little higher than the overall percentage."

So far this year, Wartburg has approved the search for an information literacy librarian. Menzel said the search will begin after Christmas, and the person hired will start in the fall.

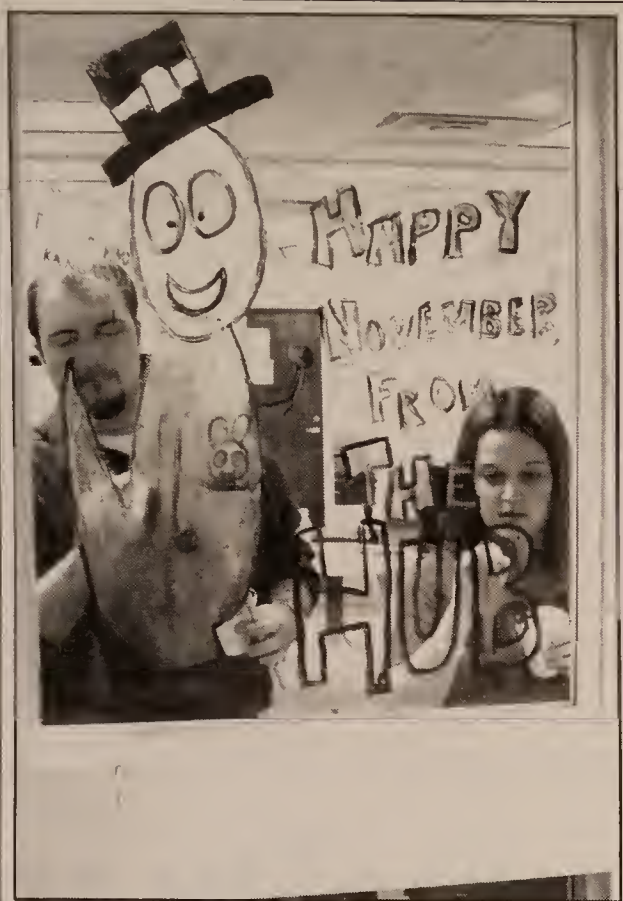
Ohle said the best time to search for faculty is fall and early winter because less potential applicants are in the pool by spring. He added Wartburg prefers to approve faculty early enough to have time to search in the fall.

The college will eventually begin a search for a tenure-track biology professor to replace Dr. Donald King, who will retire as professor of biology. A search will also begin to replace Dr. Mary Sommar, who is resigning as lecturer in history, with a one-year position in American history. After next year, the new position will be replaced by a tenure-track professor in medieval and ancient history.

The decision to hire any additional faculty for next year will depend on the budget, which won't be approved until February. The budgeting process begins in late fall, and the proposed budget will be taken to the Board of Regents at their February meeting. Menzel said the board will then approve the "big parameters of the budget," such as tuition for next year.

"Until that big picture is decided, we can't approve any new positions," Menzel said.

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ARTSY WINDOWS—Juniors Travis Olson and Kara Trebil decorate the Hub windows for the Hub open house Nov. 23. This month's open house is sponsored by the Volunteer Action Center.



By GARY WIPPERMAN
Director of Information Technology Services

Picture this. The wind chill is 10 below zero. You live in the Manors, and you need to go to the controller's office to see if a certain transaction has been posted to your account. While you bundle up for that long walk across the frozen Wartburg campus, you mutter under your icy breath that there has to be a better way. Well, there is. You can check your account information from the luxury of your own cozy room. In fact, you can check your balances from any computer with internet access.

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Director of Information Technology Services Gary Wiperman can be reached at Gary.Wiperman@wartburg.edu

CAMPUS BRIEFS

MUSICAL PRODUCTION SEEKS ACTORS, SINGERS

Auditions for Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" will be 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. today and Tuesday in the Orchestra Hall. Participants should bring a prepared song and dress comfortably. An accompanist is provided, and there will be cold readings. Sign-up sheets and more information are available outside the music office.

STUDENTS NOMINATE ADVISERS FOR AWARDS

Outstanding Adviser Award nomination forms are available in the Konditorei, online at www.wartburg.edu/senate or outside the Hub. Seniors, juniors and sophomores are encouraged to nominate advisers for the award. Completed forms are due Nov. 19 to senate@wartburg.edu or deliver them to the Senate office in the Hub.

THANKSGIVING MEAL SERVES WARTBURG, WAVERLY

Black Student Union will host the fifth annual Thanksgiving dinner in the chapel commons at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. The meal is free and open to the public, students, faculty and staff. Reservations must be made by noon Friday. Anyone willing to prepare food, serve or provide other contributions should contact Krystal Madlock by Tuesday. For more information, call Madlock at Ext. 8434 or e-mail krystal.madlock@wartburg.edu.

BATTLE OF THE UNSIGNED ARTISTS TO COME

Battle of the Unsigned Artists audition forms are available inside the door of the Entertainment ToKnight office. They are hanging on the wall in envelopes marked "BOUA blank forms" and must be returned by Dec. 8 into the envelope labeled "BOUA: returned request forms."

FORENSICS RANKS FOURTH AT COMPETITION

Wartburg forensics team took fourth place overall at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Oct. 30. Sophomore Jim Bosin placed second in impromptu, third in extemporaneous speaking and third in after-dinner speaking. Juniors Tiffany Flowers and Stephanie Baty placed sixth in dramatic duo. Baty also placed third in persuasion. Senior Nicole Pearson placed sixth in communication analysis and sixth in impromptu. Senior Erika Quade placed fourth in communication analysis and fourth in persuasion. Sophomore Kristy Hall placed fourth in after-dinner speaking.

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Burning? Questions?

Q: Why aren't the Waverly Democrat and Bremer County Independent available on campus with the other newspapers?

A: "There has never been expressed interest by students or by the local newspaper," said Dr. Lex Smith, dean of students. A survey was conducted to determine three of the papers currently delivered to campus, with a second survey resulting in the addition of the Courier last year.

Q: Is there such a measurement as a "buttload?"

A: Yes and no. The proper term is not "buttload" but is just "butt." A wine butt is a large cask, usually holding two hogsheads, approximately 63 gallons each. The butt, therefore, is standardized as having a volume equal to 126 gallons. Butts of different wines may vary in size depending on variety.

Send burning questions to trumpet@wartburg.edu before Thursday.

Weekly Record

Fire alarms

Oct. 28

6:41 p.m., student center, dirty smoke detector. The alarm was reset after maintenance cleaned the detector.

Nov. 6

1:20 a.m., northeast end of first floor in Vollmer Hall, false alarm. Fire alarm pull station activated. The system was reset, and residents were allowed to return to their rooms.

Campus security

Oct. 23

1:45 p.m., D-lot, theft. Parked bicycle was reported stolen. Bike was locked, and an unknown person broke the chain. Investigation continues by Waverly police and campus security.

Oct. 27

11:30 a.m., Clinton loading zone, hit and run. Parked car was reported with damage to the left rear quarter panel but no noticeable paint transfer. Investigation continues by campus security.

Oct. 28

3:20 a.m., vicinity of Grossmann Hall, underage alcohol, vandalism, fire code and failure to present identification violations. Student was stopped carrying an expended fire extinguisher. After initially refusing to identify himself, the student presented a false identification and later a legitimate driver license. Further investigation revealed the extinguisher had been taken from Cornils. The extinguisher case had been broken in Cornils. The student was underage and under the influence of alcohol. Action was referred to student life.

5:35 a.m., E-lot, vandalism. Security van was reported with a slashed front tire and sugar poured into the gas tank. Police took a bottle containing sugar as evidence. No known witnesses were reported. Investigation continues by Waverly police.

Nov. 4

9 p.m., various buildings, harassment. Female students reported male caller was asking to have sex with them. Some complainants suspected on-campus students calling. Investigation continues by campus security and residential life.

Nov. 5

4:30 p.m., D-lot, vandalism. Front driver's side window of a parked car was reported broken. Nothing was missing. Investigation continues by Waverly police and campus security.

Nov. 6

4:20 p.m., football annex, burglary. Football coaches reported someone broke into their offices during the Cornell game and took cash and a laptop computer. No signs of forced entry were reported. Investigation continues by Waverly police.

11 p.m., Chelleveold, alcohol violation. Security officials warned and released a student, 21, with a bottle of beer in the common area of the building. Action was referred to student life.

Police log

Oct. 22

At 11:33 p.m., officers responded to a citizen's complaint of loud music and intoxicated people. Subsequent to officers' arrival and investigation, Zachary Alexander Mundy, 19, Perry and Elizabeth Violet Theis, 18, Carver, Minn., were arrested and charged with public intoxication.

Oct. 31

Ariyo Dele Erinkitola, 20, Waverly, was arrested for driving while license revoked at 1:38 a.m.

State of Iowa v;

Will James Mekeel, 18, Waverly: guilty, possession of alcohol under legal age, fined \$147.

Jacob Paul Helvey, 19, Waverly: guilty, possession of alcohol under legal age, fined \$147.

Timothy Scott Zern, 22, Cedar Falls: guilty, supplying alcohol under age. Defendant placed on self-probation for one year, shall submit to a substance abuse evaluation, shall perform 30 hours unpaid community service to be completed by March 3. Review hearing is set for March 3.

Ashley Jean Miller, 22, no address given: guilty, operating while intoxicated. Defendant placed on self-probation for a period of one year; shall perform 24 hours unpaid community service to be completed by May 1.

International Club speaks out

Loss of vote in Student Senate sparks controversy

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
Assistant News Editor

International Club recently lost its vote in Student Senate due to events during the May Term 2004 Student Senate meeting. Members of International Club have begun to voice opinions.

According to senior Ben Parks, Senate president, May Term's Senate meeting included the process of electing senators. Senators felt it was unfair for a single group to have a vote on campus because if you give a privilege to one group, you have to give it to all, and thus they eliminated group and club votes on Senate, including International Club's vote.

This year, however, Senate has had to face the consequences of those actions. According to Parks, International Club hosted a meeting Oct. 25 about the loss of their vote in Senate and had several people share "passionate feelings" about the issue.

"Taking away International Club's vote on Student Senate was a mistake

that hindered the ability of international students to have a voice on campus to deal with issues that involve them," said junior Stephanie Baty, International Club's Senate liaison. "International students are underrepresented as it is, and taking away their (International Club) vote made it harder for international students to have an important voice on campus."

"By taking away our voice on campus, we feel we're just here for statistics, to make the campus look more diverse, like an ornament, and not be active in campus life," said sophomore Paul Cort, one of the members of the international student vote committee. "That's not the way we (international students) would like to have our presence felt."

Seeing a problem arising on campus, Senate has created the international student vote committee, chaired by senior Colin Buzza, Senate vice president. He plans to sit down and discuss the issue so the committee can come to an agreement. The committee members consist of both

International Club and Senate representatives.

"I hope that we will develop a solution that will best serve the needs of all students, and a big part of that is ensuring that the individual and collective voices of international students are heard and empowered," Buzza said.

The committee has met once, and according to Buzza, a resolution will come as soon as the issue has been thoroughly discussed and understanding of the issue as a whole is achieved. He hopes not to rush a decision but instead to make sure everyone understands what is being resolved.

"This is a positive step for international and American students to listen to each other, learn from one another, grow as a community and come together for a common goal," Baty said.

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TESTING ONE, TWO—Brent Matthias, director of alumni and parent programming, along with (from left) juniors Katy DenHartog and Jess Wilke and President Jack R. Ohle, look up at the press box after a sound fuse blew, eliminating microphone use during halftime of Saturday's football game at Walston-Hoover Stadium. Equipment was fixed for the latter part of halftime, and Ohle drew from a box of raffle tickets Mike and Danette Lehman, parents of Wartburg sophomore Riley, of Iowa City as the winners of the Wartburg hot tub, a retail value of \$10,430. While the cost of the hot tub has been covered, additional money from the raffle will go toward Wartburg's student alumni council service trip to Tampa, Fla., during Winter Break. The hot tub features a built-in stereo system and fiber optic lighting, in addition to Wartburg tiles.

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Koeneman retires and reflects

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

Much has changed since Carol (Wessels Bye) Koeneman attended Wartburg in the early 1960s. At that time, she recalls it cost about \$3,100 to go to Wartburg, there were no official women's sports offered and women weren't even allowed to go into Roy's Place on Bremer Avenue to eat its famous egg and cheese sandwiches.

After returning to Wartburg in 1999 as associate director of alumni and parents programs, Koeneman has been able to see how Wartburg has changed since her college years.

"To experience what's happened on this campus physically in the last six years and the overall growth, it's exciting to be a part of it," she said.

After growing up in Independence, Koeneman came to Wartburg and majored in French and English. She was involved in choir, French club, usher's club, dorm council and intramural sports. Koeneman was also on the homecoming court in 1965.

Looking back on her years as a student, Koeneman remembers that as freshmen, students had to be in the dorm by 8 p.m. during the first semester unless they were going to the library. When leaving the library, they only had 15 minutes to get back to the dorms. Koeneman remembers racing to the Den to get a brownie and racing back to the dorm in time.

As a student Koeneman also worked in the dean of students office. One of her duties was to take attendance at the two mandatory convocations each week. A camera located above the stage took a photo of those in attendance, and everybody had an assigned seat.

"If it wasn't a good convocation, people would wait to hear the camera click and then take off," Koeneman recalled.

In 1964, Koeneman competed in the Miss Waverly competition in Neumann Auditorium where college students and high school seniors competed in bathing suit, evening gowns and talent competitions. Koeneman was crowned Miss Waverly and went on to compete in the Miss Iowa contest.

After graduating from Wartburg in 1966, she taught in Waverly for a year before moving

to Mason City where she was a teacher until 1999.

"Teaching is a challenge," Koeneman said, "but it's gratifying to see the student growth." While teaching in Mason City, she also enjoyed working with student teachers from UNI and Wartburg and seeing them grow in the classroom as well.

In 1999, after 30 years of teaching, Koeneman achieved the benchmark for retirement and was ready and able to look at new options. She considered going to Arizona to teach, but when she found a job opening at Wartburg, she applied, interviewed and was hired. She started her new position as associate director of alumni and parent programs in July of 1999.

When interviewing for her job at Wartburg, Carol first spoke with the Rev. Dr. Al Koeneman '55 who worked in Development. before his retirement. They became friends, and after the death of Al's wife Emelie in 2001, the friendship continued to grow.

"As we realized it was more than a friendship, we decided 'why not (get married)?'" Carol Koeneman said. The couple was married in the Wartburg Chapel on Aug. 1, 2003, and their wedding reception was the first event in the ballrooms of the new Saemann Student Center.

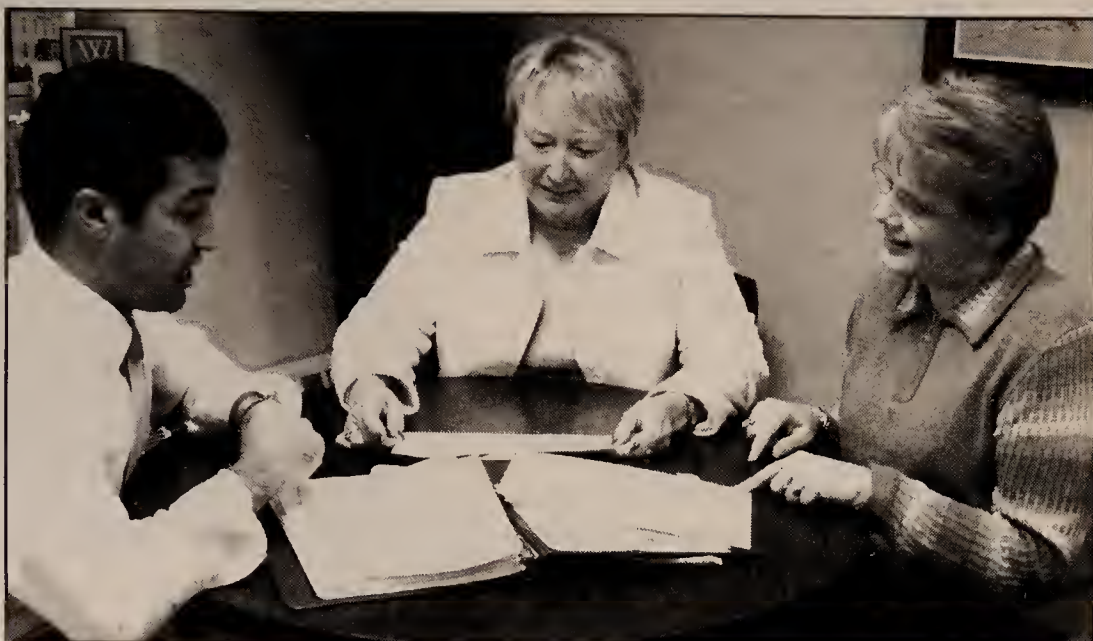
As associate director of alumni and parents programs, Koeneman is involved in a variety of projects, which include planning Outfly, organizing Keep on Learning and working with regional alumni councils, just to name a few.

"You're not just working on a current project," Koeneman said. "You have to have the ability to work with a lot of burners going - all of them at different phases of development."

She is also the music tours manager and arranges tours for three Wartburg music groups: wind ensemble, choir and Castle Singers. She has traveled with the groups on the domestic tours, and some of her favorite memories include the band in New York City at Carnegie Hall in 2003, Castle Singers' 2002 Florida tour and last year's Midwest tour.

"Last year's Midwest tour went so well, and I got to know the students so well," Koeneman said. "The kids in music groups I'll really miss."

After being involved in choir as a student at Wartburg,



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OFFICE BUSINESS—Carol Koeneman (center), soon to retire from her job as associate director of alumni and parent programs, has a discussion with Brent Matthias, director of alumni and parent programs, and Jane Lindner, office coordinator.

Koeneman's relationship with the music groups is especially important. "It's neat to come almost full circle with the choir from being involved and now organizing the trips."

Koeneman has also enjoyed mentoring Wartburg students who have worked with her as interns, which she loves because it is similar to student teacher mentoring. Travis Olson worked with her as a music tour intern last summer and has fond memories of his experience.

"That was the best internship I think I could've ever done," Olson said. "(Koeneman) was always very well-organized, and she knew her stuff. When she does the planning, everything works like clock-work."

As a member of Castle Singers, Olson remembers last year's Midwest tour with Koeneman as well. "She always fit in really well with the students because she was so much fun," he said.

Koeneman has enjoyed her six years at Wartburg. "It's gone fast," she said. "I can't believe this is my sixth year. Little did I believe I would find a second career that I would love as much as my first," she said. "It's a lot of responsibilities, but great satisfaction. It is a demanding job, but the people make it worth it."

Though Koeneman will miss her job at Wartburg, she already has plans for retirement, which officially begins Dec. 31. She is looking forward to spending



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HOMECOMING ROYALTY — Carol (Wessels Bye) Koeneman (far left) pictured with fellow members of the 1965 Homecoming Court as identified in the '66 Fortress: Carol Lee, Queen Margaret Freeland, Mary Charlson and Merdys Anderson.

more time with her grandchildren, traveling and playing golf.

She has two daughters from a previous marriage: Katie and Jen. Katie and her husband live in Tucson, Ariz., with their daughter Alicia, while Jen and her husband live in Johnston and have a daughter Kate and another child on the way.

"It's really something to be a grandparent," Koeneman said. "My husband says it's a life changing experience, and it is."

After purchasing a new motorhome last summer, the Koenemans are also looking forward to traveling, though they plan to have their permanent residence in Waverly.

"We're going to stay in Waverly, and we choose to because Wartburg is very impor-

tant to us," Koeneman said.

Though Koeneman plans to stay involved with Wartburg, her day-to-day presence will be greatly missed by students and faculty.

"She's just an awesome person," Mary Dana, annual fund office coordinator, said. "She's one of the most genuinely nice people - very sincere and funny. She's one of the bright spots and just a fun person. She will be really missed."

"She's not only my employer; she's my friend," said Jane Lindner, alumni and parents programs office coordinator. "I'm going to miss her."

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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Hunger and Homelessness Week	Movie Knight	LIVE JAZZ	Iowa High School Football Playoffs	St. Elizabeth Chorale/ Ritterchor Concert	"The Gate"
					
	Palace Theatre 11:30 p.m. \$1	Cup of Joe 8 to 9:30 p.m.	UNI Dome 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.	Chapel 3 p.m.	McCaskey Lyceum 8 p.m.



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SAW

Director
James Wan

Starring

Cary Elwes, Danny Glover, Leigh Whannell,
Monica Potter, Michael Emerson

By BRYAN CLARK
Movie Reviewer

Only one horror movie was given a wide theatrical release on this year's Halloween weekend. Unfortunately, it wasn't "Seed of Chucky," it wasn't "High Tension," and it wasn't "The Devil's Rejects." No, instead of something good, what we got was "Saw."

"Saw" tells the story of Adam (co-writer Leigh Whannell) and Dr. Lawrence Gordon (Cary Elwes), two apparent strangers trapped in a room together. The mysterious Jigsaw Killer has chained them to separate walls, giving Adam the ultimatum to escape or die, and Dr. Gordon the ultimatum to kill Adam or Gordon's family dies.

It's a promising start, and the setup could generate some real tension if it weren't for the fact that the

movie is just one giant flaw. I'm not even sure where to start itemizing the movie's problems, so I'll just call 'em as I see 'em.

I guess the most obvious flaw is that the plot has absolutely no motivation to drive it. They never even elaborate why the Jigsaw Killer is called Jigsaw. They make a passing reference to his victims having jigsaw-pieces cut from their skin, but we never find out why he does it. And when you finally realize who's doing the killing, his motive is the shakiest motive of any movie slasher I can think of. Also, a note to those of you who know your character actors - don't pay too much attention to the credits or you'll know the end of the movie about five minutes in.

The second major problem is the acting. I've never been actively embarrassed for an actor until now.

Every actor in the movie chews up the scenery in a way that would intimidate Charlton Heston, and I don't think I'll ever be able to watch "The Princess Bride" again because Cary Elwes makes such a huge ass of himself in "Saw." Every time he was supposed to be dramatic and emotive, the people in the theater with me started laughing like we were watching a Monty Python episode instead of a horror movie.

In the end, "Saw" ends up being all style and no substance. It's clear James Wan (director, co-writer) and Leigh Whannell were trying to do something cool, and it's clear that they love the genre, but they fall far short of the mark. In short, don't see "Saw." See saw. Get it? I'll go punish myself now.

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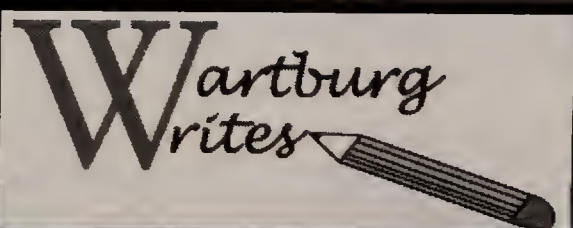
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Social Work Club hosts yearly Holiday Shoppe

By ALAN SIMMER
Staff Writer

For the past 18 years, the Holiday Shoppe has helped brighten Christmas for families all over the Cedar Valley. This year promises to be one of the most successful yet, said junior Angela Ohrt, a Holiday Shoppe coordinator and Social Work Club co-president.

In the past, the Social Work Club has partnered with the Bremer County Department of Human Services to provide gifts to more than 300 children per year. This year the student athletic committee has teamed up with these two organizations.

"Normally (the student athletic committee does) the same type of project, and we thought if we joined, our

efforts we would be able to be twice as productive and offer more help to families," Ohrt said.

Holiday Shoppe members start in September to raise funds and recruit volunteers for the event. Needy families from all over Bremer County can come to the Holiday Shoppe to pick out presents for their children Dec. 7 and 8.

Presents are provided by community members and students.

"There will be a tree by the mailboxes in the (Saemann) Student Center with the ages and sex of a child," said senior Sarah George, another Holiday Shoppe coordinator. "If a student, faculty or staff member would like to donate a toy, they can take an ornament."

The gift indicated on the ornament can then be returned unwrapped to the admissions office by Dec. 2. Other money raised by the Shoppe will be used to purchase toys, bicycles, clothing and toiletries for the families.

"For most of the families, the gifts we give them are the only gifts they get. The impact Holiday Shoppe has had on families over the years is irreplaceable," Ohrt said.

Cash donations can be sent to Box 1510, with checks made payable to Holiday Shoppe.

Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact senior Kelly Gossling at kelly.gossling@wartburg.edu or at Ext. 7013.

Staff Writer Alan Simmer can be reached at Alan.Simmer@wartburg.edu

Hunger and Homelessness Week events

Tuesday through Friday

Table in the student center with information about the week, Manna and Habitat, petition signing and T-shirts for sale

Tuesday

Wasted food collection, Mensa

5 p.m. Fast begins, chapel commons

Wednesday

5 p.m. Break-the-fast, chapel commons

9:30 p.m. Eucharist with message by Habitat and Manna, chapel

Thursday

Homeless Sleep-out, campus mall

Friday

4 to 6 p.m. Combat Hunger, Cedar Falls

Saturday

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Combat Hunger, Cedar Falls

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Habitat Work Day, Waverly

Sunday

Money offering donated to hunger causes, chapel

St. Elizabeth Week events

Today

10:15 a.m. Dr. Simon Estes speaks, chapel

Wednesday

10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth Chorale, Wartburg's women's choir perform, chapel

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteer Service and Career Extravaganza, Heritage Room

Friday and Saturday

Volunteer Action Center hosts service days

Sunday

10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth Chorale performs, chapel

3 p.m. "Concert of Thanks" by St. Elizabeth Chorale, Rittnerchor and Waverly Community Children's Chorale, chapel

Pathways offers 'major' decision-making workshop

By MARI VOELKER
Staff Writer

The Pathways Center will host the annual two-part "Making a 'Major' Decision" workshop from 3 to 4 p.m. on the third floor of Vogel Library Tuesday and Thursday.

Derek Solheim '93,

Pathways Center assistant director for career services, said the workshop is designed to help students understand that not having a major is respected, but avoiding action is not recommended.

"It's not about picking your career," Solheim said, "but about making decisions. You need to understand the system before

making decisions."

Solheim compared the "system" of decision-making to a tree. Student needs make up the roots, followed by expressed wants, reflected values, goals and decisions. Actions are symbolized by the branches.

Attendees will learn the "system" which, Solheim said, will be endlessly beneficial for the abidingly

"evolving careers in this generation" of students.

Participants will be asked to reflect on three questions: What information does he or she need to know when making a decision about himself or herself, his or her major and his or her career? How and where can he or she find the information? What is preventing him or her from

making a decision?

"They need to know how to make a choice whether or not it's important right now," Solheim said. "We're here to help you."

All students interested in exploring methods for deciding a major or future career are encouraged to attend. Students are advised to contact

Pathways at Ext. 8615 or careers@wartburg.edu to register for the workshop.

If a student is unable to attend the workshop, academic advising is available by making an appointment with Pathways.

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Seniors lead to success

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Editor

The Wartburg women's soccer team's hopes of a conference title and national playoff berth came to an end with a 3-1 loss to Loras in the conference tournament semi-finals Nov. 5. But for women's soccer, it's hard to categorize this year's turnaround season as anything short of a success.

One year removed from barely qualifying for the conference tournament with an 8-11 record, the 2004 Knights set a school record for wins at 16-3-1. This year's team featured the nation's 12th highest scoring offense, averaging 3.72 goals per game. The Knight's .861 winning percentage was 21st nationally.

"We always stayed positive last year," coach Jim Conlon said. "Unfortunately we didn't get balls to bounce our way. We played banged up quite a bit. With the group of ladies and the combination of our freshman we came in with high hopes for this season and I'm glad the girls got a 16-3-1 record. That's special not too many teams in America have that."

With an unprecedented nine seniors on this year's squad, women's soccer benefited from an abundance of players with strong leadership skills. Senior Tiffany Treanor set the school season records in goals with 22 and points with 43. Senior Katie Rapp set the school's career record in assists with 24. Senior Sara Phillips also stood out this season for her gutsy performances, playing through a torn ACL.

"If you had to take a three headed monster for role models, Sara Phillips, Tiffany Treanor and Katie Rapp would be tri-captains for the year," Conlon said.

Also having a solid year was senior goalkeeper Mary Achelpohl. She surrendered only 18 this season or 1.07 goals per game. Achelpohl also tallied 74 saves for a .804 save percentage.

"Mary had a breakthrough season," Conlon said. "It was absolutely a tremendous season for her and she played with a lot of confidence."

One of the underclassman to benefit from senior instruction was freshman Brit Cogan. She played in 19 of Wartburg's 20 games.

"The seniors this year were amazing," Cogan said. "They taught us to always go out and try our hardest ... I mean Sara going out and playing without an ACL gives us no reason why we can't go out and try hard everyday. They were a good group of leaders, awesome friends and amazing teammates."

This season's team provided coach Conlon with several positive memories. One that stands out his mind is the final game against Loras.

"Probably the single best moment in my life this season was to watch them fight until the last minute of the Loras match," Conlon said. "It showed a lot of character for a team to go out and do what they did. It's more than winning or losing, they



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ELBOW TAG— Freshman Krystal Schoen battles with an opponent from central in the first round of the conference tournament.

showed the character that they have developed over the last four years. Just the single instance, watching them fighting when they are losing and knowing their careers are about to end; it's special how they've grown over four years."

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Men benefit from experience

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Experience and depth are factors that the 2004-2005 Wartburg men's basketball team is hoping to utilize. The Knights will return four of five starters in addition to three upperclassman who received solid playing time off the bench from last year's team with a 20-8 record.

"We're deeper than we've been in the past," junior guard Jason Steege said. "We have quite a few guards that we can run out there and our posts will be solid. We can probably go three or four deep so I think depth will be a big factor for us this year."

In his eighth season as men's basketball coach, Dick Peth expects his nationally No. 29th-ranked team to contend for a conference title this season. Peth expects the Iowa Conference to remain deep.

"I would have to say that the front-runner at this point would be BV [Buena Vista] since they're returning conference champs," Peth said. "However, I truly think that losing the MVP of the league is really going to change their team a little bit as well. I think we'll have something to say in the conference championship. I think the other top teams will probably be Simpson and Loras."

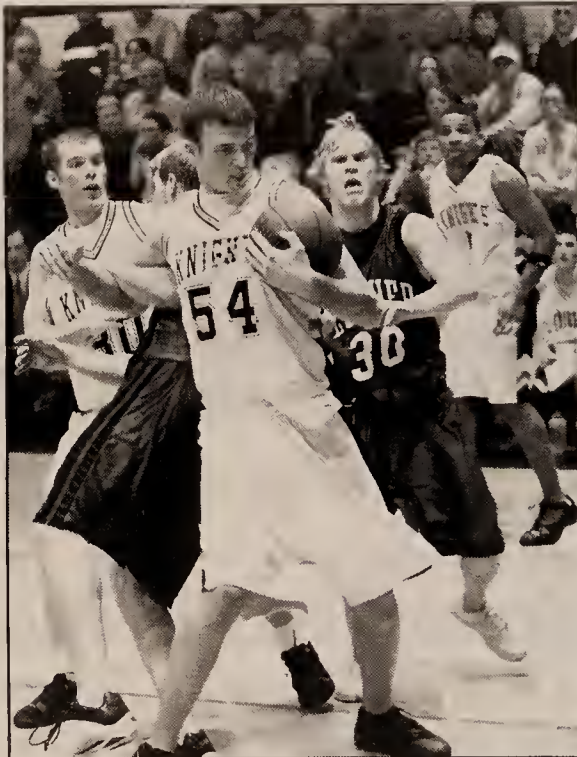
In addition to depth and experience, Peth mentioned a balanced scoring attack and solid team defense as strengths of Wartburg basketball. Last season the Knights had six different players lead in scoring in over 28 games.

"Our guys really do a great job of sharing the basketball and picking each other up when somebody is having an off-night on our offense," Peth said. "Our stabilizer, our base of our program is what we've done from a defensive standpoint. Our guys play with a lot of intensity and that is great to see."

Steege will start at the point this season, commanding a Wartburg offense that averaged 71 points per game last year. Steege was named first team all-Iowa conference last season averaging 14.1 points per game. Peth hopes to utilize Steege's speed into a more up-tempo offense.

"We're hoping to pick up the tempo this year," Peth said. "With so many new guys last year, we really tried to play a possession game and now we're hoping to get up and down a little bit more."

Heading into the opener, the starting lineup will also



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CENTER OF ATTENTION— Junior Nate Schmidt will make the move to starting center for Wartburg this season.

feature senior Jordan Atchison and junior Rance Cartmill at the wing positions with junior Nate Schmidt making the move from power forward to center. Atchison led the team in assists and steals last season with 57 and 32, respectively. Cartmill was the team leader in offensive rebounds with 35. Schmidt was the overall rebound leader with 116. The final position remains up in the air.

"The fifth spot could be any one of quite honestly five or six different guys," Peth said.

This season Wartburg added a marquee non-conference match-up on Nov. 27 which should have fans stuffing down Thanksgiving leftovers and heading over to Knights Gymnasium. Wartburg will host high-scoring Grinnell at 7 p.m. Grinnell is nationally recognized for its high scoring offense. The Pioneers averaged 126.2 points and 22 made three-pointers per game last season.

"Maybe I'll talk to coach Newsome before the game to see if we can borrow their track shoes (for the Grinnell game)," Peth joked.

Wartburg opens the 2004-05 season Friday and Saturday with the Buzz Levick/Pizza Ranch Tip-Off Classic. Wartburg plays Macalester College of St. Paul, Minn., at 8 p.m. Friday. After enduring preseason practices, the team is anxiously awaiting opening tip-off.

"Practices are pretty intense," Steege said. "I know guys are going at each other. After seeing the same guys for the first four weeks we're getting tired of looking at each other; so I think we'll try and use that as momentum for our first game. I think we'll come out with more intensity than we have in the past years and hopefully we'll be able to go from there."

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Women's basketball looks to newcomers

By AARON HAGEN
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The magic number for the Wartburg women's basketball team: one, as in the number of juniors and seniors on the team. Or maybe the number is four, as in the number of players who saw action in at least 20 games last season. But for this year's team, there is only one number on their minds, and that is the number eight, as in the number of teams the Knights want to see below them in the conference standings.

With preseason practices and scrimmages winding to a close, this year's team will be one of youngest teams in Wartburg basketball history. Led by lone upperclassman, senior center Amanda Berner, the Knights will field an inexperienced team when the season starts this weekend at home in the Tip-Off Classic.

Head coach Monica Severson is beginning her 17th season at the helm as head women's basketball coach. She feels that although the team is young, they still have a very good chance at the conference championship.

"Our goal every year is to win the conference championship. I think the conference is going to be wide open. Right now there is no dominant team," Severson said.

At the center position, Berner will offer a strong defensive presence. Last season she set a school record with 67 blocked shots. According to Berner, this season won't be all about winning titles.

"We want to win the Iowa Conference, but we want to have fun as well," Berner said. "I think we need to work on making smart decisions on the court. Since we lack the experience this year, we need to work on chemistry on the court. I am looking forward to playing with the young group we have."

One of the team's young leaders will be sophomore forward Natalie Tarkett. She was the team's second-leading scorer among last season's returnees.

"We are trying to get a lot of experience all around. We are really young, so we are trying to get people out playing," Tarkett said.

In addition to Tarkett and Berner, sophomore Jessica Kugler will start at forward and Diana Mullins will start at two guard. The starting point guard position remains up in the air. With the youth on this year's team, coach Severson's squad has some definite strengths.

"One of our strengths will be our quickness," Severson said. "I think we will be a much quicker team than the past few years. I think we can be a good defensive team as well. What I really like about this team is how hard they are working and how supportive they are."

Offensively, Severson said that Wartburg has five or six people capable of scoring eight to 10 points a night, which will make the team tough to defend.

The Knights will tip off their season on Saturday at 3 p.m. against Colorado College in Knights Gymnasium. As well as opening their season at home, the Knights will also enjoy having their first conference game at home, as Luther comes to town on Nov. 30.

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Three-peat: Knights win IIAC title

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
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Tom Petty once said, "The waiting is the hardest part." The Wartburg football team knows exactly what Petty meant.

The Knights jumped on Dubuque early Saturday en route to a 37-7 victory to guarantee them their third straight Iowa Conference title and then waited to find out if Buena Vista had lost, giving Wartburg an automatic NCAA playoff bid.

"We focused all week on not doing that (watching the scoreboard)," head coach Rick Willis said. "Our goal was to take care of the Iowa Conference championship. I think late in the third quarter we started to pay attention to that more. At that point if you know you have to play another game, that affects when you take guys out to avoid injury and things of that nature."

The Knights took care of their part early, scoring touchdowns on their first three drives and holding the Spartans to 33 yards in the first half and 104 for the game.

Wartburg took its first drive of the game 62 yards in six plays. Sophomore Dan Hammes capped off the drive with a five-yard touchdown run.

Following an interception by senior Jake Burns, Hammes added his second touchdown of the afternoon. Burns again

set up the Knight offense when he intercepted his second pass. Wartburg went to the air for its third score with junior Reed Hoskins finding sophomore Brandon Vinzant for a 10-yard touchdown pass, putting Wartburg up 20-0.

"We kind of opened it up against Cornell, and we decided to stick with that this week," senior Chris Winter said. "We thought we could put the ball in the air early against these guys; we thought we could take advantage of some plays and the way they were going to cover us."

Wartburg's last score of the half came on a 37-yard field goal by senior Jordan Maus with three seconds left.

The Knights' attack did not slow down any in the second half. Hammes put Wartburg on the board on its second drive of the half, taking it in from 20 yards out.

The Knights put up their last score of the game early in the fourth quarter, as senior Andy Parker broke a 36-yard run.

Dubuque got a late score after blocking a field goal and completing a 28-yard touchdown pass to make the score 37-7.

"I think our guys understand how big every game is," Willis said. "They've really battled and been persistent and have played that way for really the last month."

The Knight ground attack was led by Hammes, who ran for 101 yards on 22 car-



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BOB AND WEAVE—Senior Chris Winter finds an opening after making a catch against Dubuque.

ries and scored three touchdowns. Hoskins also had a big game, going 20 of 30 for 265 yards and one touchdown. Winter ended with 11 catches for 152 yards.

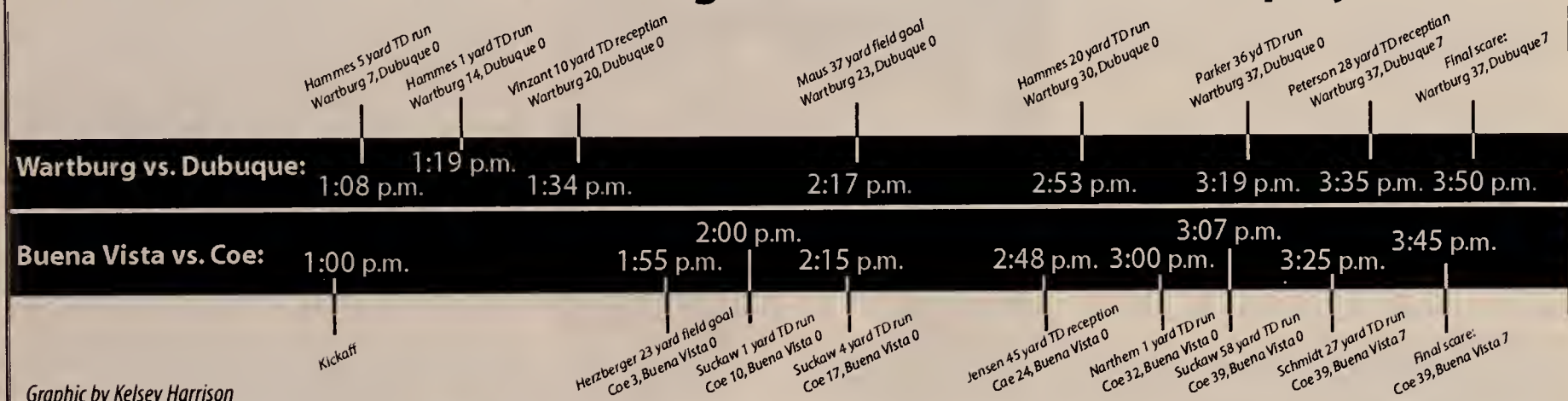
"We've played a lot of games together the last couple of years, so it's just a matter of timing, being in the right situation. I

mean, he's a play-maker so that's what he did today," Hoskins said of Winter.

The Knights will play Concordia-Moorhead at 1 p.m. Saturday in their first-round playoff game.

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Three hours to a title: Wartburg earns third consecutive playoff berth



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Upset loss brings season to end

By AARON HAGEN
Sports Writer

The Wartburg volleyball team ended its season in disappointment with its second loss in less than a week to the University of Dubuque on Nov. 5. The seventh seeded Spartans defeated the Knights in four games in the quarterfinals of the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic conference tournament.

Wartburg proved unable to find much positive momentum this season, finishing below the .500 benchmark for the first time since 1999, with an 18-19 record. The lone high point of the year was a 5-3 record and a No. 2 seed heading into the IIAC tournament.

"I think we had a lot of nice people on our team. We didn't have the cutthroat mentality that you need," head coach Jennifer Walker said. "We didn't rise up to the competition. We have so much talent on this squad, but you have to have the winning attitude."

This year, the schedule was not kind to the Knights. The squad had 10 matches against nationally-ranked teams and only four matches at home. Wartburg struggled in its attempt to win on the road, going 3-9.

"I think we had a lot of individual talent this year. Each person had a lot of talent and skill to offer, but at times it could be a weakness when we didn't play together," senior Sarah Olsen said.



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STEEL CURTAIN—Sophomores Traci Robinson and Sheena Treanor go up for a block in their season-ending loss to Dubuque.

Coach Walker has experienced a losing season only once before in her tenure as the Wartburg volleyball coach. Her 1999 team finished 15-17, but the next year the team came back to win 29 matches while losing only 5. Next year, she expects the same turnaround.

"I think this will be a great learning experience," Walker said. "We will have a lot of experience coming back as we return 10 varsity players."

This season saw the emergence of two freshman. Ashley Rogers was the team leader in kills and finished third in blocks, while Ashley Steines led the team in digs.

"I thought this season was a good experience overall. I was a little disappointed with how the season ended, but we have to work hard in the off-season as well as during the season and set our goals high for next year," Rogers said.

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Wrestlers ready for national title defense

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Wartburg wrestling team enters this season knowing expectations will be high.

"It's been a Wartburg/Augsburg thing since 1993, basically," coach Jim Miller said. "When you have a dominance that long, where teams are either first or second nationally, I think most people, until something else happens, kind of expect that to happen."

The Knights enter the season returning seven all-Americans, three of whom are defending national champs. Despite those numbers, Wartburg is ranked second behind Augsburg in the initial preseason poll.

"I think they've got eight all-Americans and four national champs. So, it's kind of an unusual year. Usually with seven all-Americans you've got the most coming back," Miller said. "It's just a matter of numbers really."

The Knights will rely on experience at the upper weights, where everyone from 157 pounds and up qualified for the national tournament last year. Both senior Ryan Sturm at 184 and junior Akeem Carter at 197 will defend their national titles, while senior Cory Connell at 157 and sophomore Blake Gillis at heavyweight will try to improve on second-place finishes from last season. Senior Mark Sturm placed fifth last year at 174 and senior Andrew Knaack qualified at 165.

"I think it's always good when you have a lot of experienced seniors on your team. I'd

take that every year if I could get it. I think they know what to expect," Miller said.

Wartburg will still be strong at the lower weights as well. Senior Justin McClintock placed fifth nationally last season at 125, and junior Dustin Hirschberger won a national championship at 141.

The last two weights will be more of a toss-up for the Knights. National runner-up Ozzie Saxon and national champion Bart Mehlert, at 133 and 149, respectively, each graduated last season, leaving big holes on and off the mat.

"Those two guys were the heart and soul of our team last year," Miller said. "I think it's yet to be determined who's going to fill their spot leadership-wise. We do have a number of great candidates, and I'm hoping it'll be a shared leadership scenario, which I think is emerging right now. As far as on the mat, I think (senior) Tyler Hubbard at 133 would be the favorite along with (sophomore) Dustin Cooper at 149."

Don't look for the Knights' 12-straight Iowa Conference championships to make them overconfident, however.

"There's always a challenge, and we don't ever take that for granted, and we never will. We know it's going to be hard to win the conference again," Miller said. "There are eight teams out there that would like to see a change, and one team that doesn't want to ever see that change."

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Women run to nationals

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The Wartburg women's cross country team faced more than its fair share of adversity and unexpected events during its race on Saturday. However, it still managed to take home second place and punch its ticket to nationals.

Senior Missy Buttry of Shenandoah took the regional title as expected, winning by exactly two minutes over Leah Wurm of St. Benedict. Buttry completed the course in a blazing 20:17 and will be heading for an unprecedented third straight individual national title Saturday. Only three runners in NCAA history have won three titles. The three legendary runners include Gerry Lindgren of Washington State University, American distance icon Steve Prefontaine of the University of Oregon, and Henry Rono of Washington State, who won them in consecutive years. Buttry now finds herself a week away from the opportunity to join very exclusive company.

"I ran well," said Buttry. "I wasn't really trying after the first 800 meters; I wanted to save it for next week. Liz Woodworth (of Wisconsin - Oshkosh) will be there with me, so I have to be ready for her."

Luther College took the team title with 96 points, led by strong running from their experienced top five. Wartburg's top five, however, did not fair as well. Senior Beth Neal, who has been plagued with blackouts before, went down unexpectedly about a mile-and-a-half into the race. Neal's loss dimmed the hopes of the Knights, and things got even darker when senior Brooke Ferguson collapsed less than 50 yards from the finish line. Ferguson had pushed herself so hard that her body literally quit on her. Ferguson regained her footing after a few seconds but went down again a few yards later. Again she rose and this time managed to stumble across the line where she immediately collapsed and was taken to the medical tent. Ferguson still clocked in at 24:39 to give the Knights a slim scoring cushion. Both Ferguson and Neal recovered later in the day and will race with the team in Saturday's national tournament.

Left with only five healthy runners, Wartburg still managed a stand-out performance, and the strength of the freshman class was apparent. Sophomore Jill Wagaman was the Knights' second runner, finishing in 23:40 and taking 24th place. Freshman Julie



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LEADER OF THE PACK—Senior Missy Buttry gets out to a big lead en route to her win at the cross country regionals.

Ridenour used a strong kick to take 32nd place in 23:55. Fellow freshman Sara Eppley was on the heels of Ridenour, running a 24:11 with freshman BreAnn Reedy right behind her in 24:13. Eppley and Reedy's times were good enough for 45th and 47th, respectively. Their strong performances helped to hold off Carleton College, a mere six points behind the Knights with 154 to Wartburg's 149.

"I think we did really well considering everything that happened, and I'm really excited for next week," Ferguson said. "Obviously I don't think we've run our best race yet."

Wartburg will attempt to put it all together at the national meet this Saturday in Eau Claire, Wis. The freshmen will again be asked to assume some very large roles, with senior leadership becoming increasingly more important.

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Men run rocky road placing third

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The Wartburg men's cross country team extended its season another week with a solid effort at the regional meet it hosted on Saturday at the Waverly Municipal Golf Course. While things didn't run quite as smoothly as the men would have liked, they were able to capture third place behind two

Minnesota schools: St. Olaf and Carleton.

Senior Josh Moen came away with a victory, setting up the defense of his title at the national meet in Eau Claire, Wis. Moen ran a 24:53 and separated himself from the field early. Runner-up Dan Bucy of Carleton put in a late charge to catch the coasting Moen, crossing the line in 25:06. Junior Keith Solverson ran one of his

best races of the year, taking fourth place and running a 25:21. Solverson hung with the pack chasing Moen and Bucy until the last half-mile.

Nebraska - Wesleyan put three runners between Solverson and Wartburg's third runner, sophomore Patrick Johnson, giving the Knights a scare. But ultimately Wesleyan's fourth and fifth men were unable to capitalize, and the

Prairie Wolves took the fourth and final ticket to Eau Claire.

Johnson finished 26th with a 26:19. Junior Ben Carlson ran with Johnson, finishing a mere four seconds behind Johnson in 26:23. The Knights' fifth runner and final scorer was sophomore Kevin Balster of Monticello. Balster crossed the line in 26:34, sealing another trip to nationals for Wartburg and head coach Steve Johnson.

"The team ran strong overall, a couple people ran really well, a couple ran alright, but overall I think everyone ran solid races," Johnson said.

Sophomore Danny Corken was the Knights' number six, crossing the line in 26:59. Corken came down with a cold the night before but still managed a



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EVEN PACE—Sophomore Kevin Balster and junior Ben Carlson run together at the Waverly Municipal Golf Course.

strong performance.

"I woke up and could barely breathe," Corken said. "It was probably the worst timing I could imagine. Overall we raced the way we had to today and came away with the result we wanted."

Rounding out the team was sophomore Cody Solverson, who ran 27:25.

The Knights will be toe-

ing the line at the national meet this Saturday at 11 a.m. in Eau Claire. In addition to the regional rivals, number-one ranked Calvin College of Michigan, Wisconsin - LaCrosse and Wisconsin - Stevens Point will also challenge Wartburg for the national meet title.

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Making history

Soccer soars by Calvin, Dominican to Sweet 16

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Editor

Entering the playoffs, the Wartburg men's soccer team was in uncharted territory. The Knights had never won a playoff game in school history. However, after a thrilling double overtime win at Calvin College in Michigan Saturday and a 3-1 win over Dominican at home Wednesday, Wartburg now finds itself playing at the level of the most experienced teams in the NCAA Div. III tournament's Sweet 16.

With the strengths that lead to championships – solid team defense, superior conditioning and timely goals – Wartburg broke a scoreless tie with 8:40 remaining in double overtime to upset the nation's No. 6-ranked Calvin.

"It was a tremendous team effort by all 11 guys on defense," coach Jim Conlon said. "We tried playing quicker and possession oriented – those were the two big goals. We just tried to win the little battle within the big battle. Certainly they showed a lot of heart and refused to lose."

The game winning "golden goal" came off the foot of junior Scott Hill as he executed a hard, low shot that skidded underneath Calvin goalkeeper Joe Westra. Hill's goal was set up when sophomore John Hinke won a 50-50 ball and completed a well executed chip pass up the left side which led to the shot 18 yards out.

"I was definitely relaxed knowing the game was over and we're off to the Sweet 16," Hill said. "We had a few chances during the game and it just culminated into that moment, we finally finished the game."

In regulation Calvin outshot Wartburg 13-8, forcing goalkeeper Collin Lane to make five saves, keeping his team in contention. Under five minutes into the game Calvin failed to capitalize on a scoring opportunity as the ball ended up going off Lane's chest. Lane also went vertical, tipping two other would-be goals over the cross bar.

"Collin Lane was huge," Conlon said. "He makes every save he needs to in order to give us a chance to win. He might not be the flashiest keeper around, but he can make every save to keep us as a national contender."

"They [Calvin] did a really good job of sending the ball over the top and giving their players open shots," Lane said. "It's our style of defense to let them have those outside shots, so it's my job to step in there and make that save. The defense was doing their job letting them have that shot and it all came together like it's supposed to."



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CELEBRATION— Senior Verne Houston celebrates his hat trick against Dominican on Wednesday. The playoff win was Wartburg's first in soccer history.

Conditioning and depth began to play a major factor in the game's outcome as the game headed into overtime scoreless. Wartburg subbed six times compared to Calvin's four substitutions.

"We were moving guys in and out," Houston said. "It was obvious that they were tired. They had a couple of guys with their hands on their knees by the end of the first overtime period, and by the end of the game it was pretty obvious conditioning was a factor."

In the two overtime periods, Wartburg outshot Calvin 3-1, generating a couple of quality scoring opportunities before Hill's goal.

"We just kept telling each other that if we keep shooting we know it's going to go in. Collin made some unbelievable saves to keep us in the game. So on account of that and everyone playing as a team, it only makes sense that we scored that goal at the end," Hill said. "We have to be one of the best conditioned teams in the country right now because it just seemed as the game went on everyone's level of soccer picked up."

Advancing to the second-round game against Calvin, Wartburg defeated Dominican University 3-1. Houston put on a show for the home crowd scoring a

hat-trick to power the nation's No. 2 - ranked Wartburg offense to victory.

"I felt kind of like a monkey had been lifted off my back," Houston said. "There's been some talk about how there's not been a lot of scoring from Wartburg and how some key players haven't stepped up in big games, and I felt like there was a lot of guys that stepped up in that game."

In addition to Houston's hat-trick, Lane came through in the clutch to secure the Knight win with a five-save effort. The goal surrendered against Dominican was Wartburg's only goal allowed in its last seven games. The game was witnessed by 175 fans who lined the sidelines for Wartburg's first ever home playoff match.

"Wartburg College and the community itself supported us great in that game," Conlon said. "We had a tremendous crowd. To win our first one in front of the home fans was special, very special."

The Knights now head into the Sweet 16 where they will be awaited by Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio. Wartburg's first match will take place Friday and a win would put the team in Saturday's Elite Eight round.

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GOING UP— Sophomore Brent Schuchman battles for possession against a Dominican defender Wednesday. Schuchman has been a consistent performer for the Knight defense, starting in all but one game.